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SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 815 0003 05.

COUNTRY: (U) CANADA (CA); ECUADOR (EC); COLOMBIA (CO); VENEZUELA (VE); CHILE (CI); MEXICO (MX); JAMAICA (JM); PERU (PE); BRAZIL (BR); BOLIVIA (BL); ARGENTINA (AR); URUGUAY; (UY); PARAGUAY (PA).

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SUBJECT: IIR 6 815 0003 05/CANADIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD SIXTH DEFENSE MINISTERIAL OF THE AMERICAS (DMA) (U)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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SOURCE: A. (C) //6 815 0358// SENIOR HOST NATION DEFENSE OFFICIAL WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO THE REPORTED INFORMATION WHO HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST.

1B. (C) //6 815 0245// SENIOR HOST NATION DEFENSE OFFICIAL WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO THE REPORTED INFORMATION WHO HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST.

SUMMARY: (C) CANADIAN REPRESENTATION TO DEFENSE MINISTERIAL OF THE AMERICAS (DMA) SEEKS TO MAKE THE FORUM MORE MEANINGFUL AND WORKS TO ENSURE SOLID ATTENDANCE AND SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA.

TEXT. 1. (C) THIS IIR RESPONDS TO CITED AHR ON THE DEFENSE MINISTERIAL OF THE AMERICAS (DMA). CANADA IS KEEN ON SEEING DMA BE AN EFFECTIVE FORUM AND IS PROVIDING AIRBUS TRANSPORT TO CARIBBEAN BASIN COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THEIR ATTENDANCE. CANADA WILL FLY AN AIRBUS TO MIAMI TO PICK UP MINISTERIAL CONFEREES BEFORE FLYING ON TO QUITO, ECUADOR FOR THE MINISTERIAL. (FIELD COMMENT) CANADA BELIEVED THAT WITHOUT FULLER PARTICIPATION, PARTICULARLY FROM CARIBBEAN BASIN COUNTRIES, THE DMA MIGHT NOT BE SUCCESSFUL).

12. (C) CANADA'S OBJECTIVES FOR DMA VI ARE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING CONSENSUS AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) DEVELOPING A JURIDICAL LINKAGE TO THE INTERAMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB). SOURCE A SEES THIS AS BEING A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE, ESPECIALLY WITH CHILE WHO BELIEVES (ACCORDING TO SOURCE A) THAT THE IADB HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS, IS INEFFECTUAL AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO WHITHER AWAY. ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, CANADA WORKED TO ENSURE THE PRESIDENT OF THE IADB WAS INVITED TO DMA VI IN ORDER TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF THE IADB.

13. (C) ACCORDING TO SOURCE A, CANADIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE INSIDERS REMAIN TO BE CONVINCED THAT THE MONIKER NARCO-TERRORISM APPLIES TO THE COUNTERNARCOTICS ENVIRONMENT IN COLOMBIA. THEY ARE CIRCUMSPECT AND BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS FOCUSED ON BRINGING THEIR COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS UNDER THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM TO GLEAN MORE RESOURCES FROM THE UNITED STATES AND GAIN MORE POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR BATTLE AGAINST NARCO-TERRORISM. MANY CANADIANS VIEW THE COUNTERNARCOTICS CHALLENGES IN COLOMBIA AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUE AND VIEW THE PRIMARY CHALLENGES AS ORGANIZED CRIME, MONEY LAUNDERING, COERCION, AND DRUG OPERATION FUNDING IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA. WHILE COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS CLAIM NARCO-TERRORISM IS BEING EXPORTED OUTSIDE COLOMBIA, CANADIAN OFFICIALS SAY BORDERING NATIONS ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL NARCO-TERRORISM ORIGINATING FROM COLOMBIA; AND MORE CONCERNED ABOUT MIGRATION AND REFUGEES FROM COLOMBIA, AND THE SPECTRE OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIME.

14. (C) CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE HAS NO POSITION ON VENEZUELA AND, ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD OF A FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOCUS ON VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT HUGO ((CHAVEZ)). SOURCE BELIEVES CANADA HAS NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH THE U.S. POSITION ON CHAVEZ AND HIS & BOLIVARIAN REVOLUTION.8

15. (U) COMPOSITION OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION:

1A. (U) DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE (MND) WILLIAM ((GRAHAM)) ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SPOUSE,

CHIEF OF STAFF EUGEN &GENE8 ((LANG)), COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR MRS ISABELLE ((SAVARD)), POLICY ADVISOR MS MICHELLE ((LOBO)), AND MILITARY ASSISTANT LCDR TOM ((MILLER)).

1B. (U) ONE OR TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS (TBD) FROM OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL ACCOMPANY MND TO ENSURE MND'S ABSENCE FROM PARLIAMENT DOES NOT PUT THE MINORITY GOVERNMENT AT RISK.

1C. (U) DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY REAR ADMIRAL DREW ((ROBERTSON)).

1D. (U) DR HAL ((KLEPAK)), PROFESSOR, ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA.

1E. (U) LT COL ROSS ((STRUTHERS)), CANADIAN DEFENCE ATTACHE TO COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR.

1F. (U) SERGEANT ANGELA ((TEMPLE)), ASST DATT, COLOMBIA.

1G. (U) MS VALERIE ((KEYES)), LATIN AMERICAN DESK OFFICER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY.

1H. (U) LT GENERAL RICK ((HILLIER)), CHIEF OF THE CANADIAN FORCES LAND (ARMY) STAFF WITH AIDE-DE-CAMP.

1I. (U) COLONEL RICHARD ((RYAN)), DEPUTY HEAD OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TO IADB.

1J. (U) COLONEL RENE ((GERVAIS)), CANADIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE TO MEXICO.

1K. (U) MRS SARAH ((FOUNTAIN-SMITH)), ACTING DIRECTOR, REGIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS CANADA.

1L. (U) MR PATRICK ((HEBERT)), FOREIGN AFFAIRS CANADA REGIONAL SECURITY.

1M. (U) MR DOUG ((FRASER)), COUNSELOR, CANADIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE OAS, WASHINGTON.

1N. (U) AMBASSADOR BRIAN ((OAK)) CANADAIAN AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS SPOUSE LYDIA, CONSUL LISA ((ALMOND)), VICE-CONSUL MARK ((RICHARDSON)), AND SECRETARY VERONICA ((FIERRO)).

1O. (U) SUPPORT STAFF OF TEN DRIVERS AND INTERPRETERS NFI.

COMMENTS: 1. (C) FIELD COMMENTS. CANADIAN DATT TO WASHINGTON RADM IAN ((MACK)) HAS BEEN ENGAGED WITH THE IADB FOR OVER A YEAR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION MORE EFFECTIVE AND FUNCTIONAL.

12. (U) SOURCE REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER EXPLOITATION.

13. (U) DHO-1 POINT OF CONTACT, STU III (703) 907-0569; AND GREY 981-7197.

14. (C) THIS IIR RESPONDS TO PRIORITY 2 AHR X-IAC-1510-0021-04.

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